

SENATE BILL 820
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506, relative to the creation of certain judicial positions, to provide for elections to fill such positions, and to enact the Judicial Resources Act of 1997.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(13)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (13)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created a criminal court in the thirteenth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the thirteenth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the criminal court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(15)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (15)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the fifteenth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the fifteenth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(16)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (16)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

(iii) Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the sixteenth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the sixteenth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(21)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (21)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-first judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-first district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(22)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (22)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-second judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-505(26)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (26)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-sixth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-sixth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight (8) year term;

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.